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MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HELD FROM THE 23RD TO 26TH FEBRUARY 1927.

The February Session of the Mysore Legislative Council began its sittings on Wednesday the 23rd February 1927 and concluded its deliberations on the following Saturday. It was as usual held at 12 noon on each day except on Saturday when the proceedings commenced at 1 P.M. Mr. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, B.A., took his seat as *ex-officio* Member of Council for the first time. Messrs. N. Madhava Rao, B.A., B.L. and N. Rama Rao, B.A., B.L., also took their seats as members for the first time *vice* Mr. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, appointed Third Member of Council and Mr. Md. Zahiruddin Mecci, deceased, respectively. All the members were present except Mr. P. F. Bowring, Col. W. L. Crawford and Messrs. H. Venkataramiah and S. M. Narayanasamy Pillay.

The Assistant Secretary reported to the House that the Bill to amend the Land Acquisition Regulation, 1894, which had been passed at the last session of the Legislative Council received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the 19th of January 1927.

Nine Bills were then taken up for consideration. The Select Committee Reports on the Bill to provide for the preparation and maintenance of a Record of Rights in the lands of the Mysore State, the Bill further to amend the Mysore Municipal Regulation 1906, and the Bill to amend the Mysore Weights and Measures Regulation 1902, were considered and the motions that these bills be passed at the next or a subsequent meeting of the Council were passed. The following six bills were finally passed :—

(1) Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1904.
(2) Bill further to amend the Mysore Forest Regulation, 1900.
(3) The Mysore Religious and Charitable Institutions Bill.
(4) Bill to amend the Mysore Income-Tax Regulation, 1923.
(5) Bill to amend the Regulation to provide for and regulate the destruction and segregation of stray dogs and of diseased horses and cattle. (VI of 1899) and
(6) Bill to amend the Mysore University Regulation 1916.

There were twenty-two demands for additional or supplementary grants with 17 cut motions thereon. The latter having been withdrawn after discussion, the demands were put to vote and passed.

On the first and second day, all the seventy-four questions put by the members were answered as also the supplementary questions. The last two days were fully occupied in the moving of resolutions of which there were thirty-three. They were all taken up in the order of ballot.

Eleven resolutions lapsed on account of the absence of the movers and one was not taken up for want of time. Three resolutions were withdrawn without discussion and twelve after discussion. The Resolution regarding the alteration of rules under the Legislative Council Regulation to provide for an oath of allegiance to our Soveriegn being taken by all members of the Legislative Council on their first entry thereto and two relating to the introduction of the Workmen's Compensation Act into the State were accepted by Government. Another resolution advocating the discontinuance of the practice of coaching a few selected students in primary schools for the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination to the detriment of the education of the rest of the children reading in such schools was accepted with certain amendments. Removal of the sex disqualification so as to render women eligible to stand for election to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council formed the subject matter of a resolution and was passed by the House by a majority. The resolution recommending the formation of a Committee to suggest proper legislation to raise the marriageable age of girls to 14 years and that of boys to 20 years evoked considerable discussion and when put to vote, it was lost.

The Council thereupon adjourned *sine die*.

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Secretary, Legislative Council.